

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 1 and 3-19. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Examiner is authorized to charge the fee for continued examination and any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1328.

Respectfully submitted,

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